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OFFICERS
OF
THE BOSTON DISPENSARY,
1860.

Managers.

SAMUEL MAY, <i>Chairman.</i>	HENRY B. ROGERS.
NATHANIEL L. FROTHINGHAM.	SAMUEL E. GUILD.
URIEL CROCKER.	WILLIAM R. LAWRENCE.
NATHANIEL H. EMMONS.	H. AUSTIN WHITNEY, <i>Secretary.</i>
J. HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT.	ABBOTT LAWRENCE.
GEORGE H. KUHN.	HENRY PLYMPTON.

Treasurer.

EDWARD BLAKE.

Executive Committee.

WILLIAM R. LAWRENCE.	J. HUNTINGTON WOLCOTT.
SAMUEL E. GUILD.	

(Officers continued.)

Consulting Physicians.

JACOB BIGELOW.
PHINEAS M. CRANE.

Consulting Surgeons.

GEORGE HAYWARD.
SOLOMON D. TOWNSEND.

Superintendent.

JOHN B. ALLEY.

Attending Physicians.

CHARLES D. HOMANS.
J. NELSON BORLAND.
ALGERNON COOLIDGE.
CALVIN G. PAGE.

CALVIN ELLIS.
ZABDIEL B. ADAMS.
L. MANLIUS SARGENT, JUN.
J. B. UPHAM.

Attending Surgeons.

GEORGE H. LYMAN.
WILLIAM W. MORLAND.

DANIEL D. SLADE.
RICHARD M. HODGES.

District Physicians.

No. 1. STEPHEN MIGHILL.
2. JOHN W. HINCKLEY.
3. HENRY K. OLIVER, JUN.
4. GUSTAVUS HAY.

No. 5. ROBERT WARE.
6. SAMUEL A. GREEN.
7. WILLIAM OSGOOD.
8. JOSEPH F. GOULD.

Apothecary.

SOLOMON HOVEY, JUN.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

*An Act to incorporate Samuel Parker and others into a Society, by the
Name of the BOSTON DISPENSARY.*

WHEREAS certain persons did, in the year 1796, associate and establish a charitable Institution in the town of Boston, for the purpose of affording medical advice and relief to the sick poor of said town, under the name of the Boston Dispensary; and whereas said Institution has been of general and essential service to such persons as are not of ability to procure medical advice and aid for themselves, and the Managers of said Dispensary have represented to this Court the difficulties under which they labor for want of an incorporation, and have petitioned for an Act remedial of those difficulties; and inasmuch as the intentions of said persons appear to be deserving of encouragement, —

SECT. 1. — Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Rev. Samuel Parker, Samuel Stillman, and Samuel West, Doctors in Divinity; William Tudor, John Andrews, Thomas Davis, Stephen Gorham, and Samuel Dunn, Esquires; Jonathan Amory, jun., Thomas Brewer, and Benjamin Bussey, Merchants; and Nathaniel Smith, Physician, — all of said Boston, — the Managers of said charitable Institution, together with their associates, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body politic for the purposes aforesaid, by the name of the Boston Dispensary; and that they, their associates and successors, have perpetual succession by the said name, and have power to make By-laws for the preservation and advancement of said Institution, not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth.

SECT. 2. — Be it further enacted, That the said Boston Dispensary be, and it is hereby, authorized and empowered to make, appoint, and have a common seal; and is hereby made liable to be sued, and

enabled to sue and defend, in its corporate capacity, in any of the Courts of Record of this Commonwealth; and is hereby licensed and empowered to make purchases, and to receive grants and donations of real and personal estates, and to hold the same for the charitable purposes aforesaid; provided the rents and profits of the real estate, together with the interest of the personal estate, shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars; and to manage and dispose of such estates as to the said Corporation shall appear fit.

SECT. 3. — Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the contributors to said Institution shall meet at Boston on the second Thursday in October, annually, for the purpose of electing by ballot twelve Managers and a Treasurer; public notice of the time and place of holding such meeting being given once at least in two of the newspapers published in said town, seven days before the day of meeting; and votes may at all elections be given either in person or by proxy.

SECT. 4. — Be it further enacted, That the business of said Managers shall be to appoint the Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecary of said Dispensary; to provide medicines for the patients recommended by the contributors; and to regulate all affairs relative to the Institution; any three of whom shall constitute a quorum. And all instruments which the said Managers shall lawfully make and execute, shall, when signed by their Chairman, Treasurer, or Secretary, and sealed with their common seal, bind the said corporation, and be valid in law.

SECT. 5. — And be it further enacted, That the Rev. Samuel Parker be, and hereby is, authorized, by public notice in two of the Boston newspapers, to call the first meeting of said contributors, at such time and place as he shall judge proper; at which meeting the said corporation shall have all the power vested in them at their stated annual meetings in October; but the officers then chosen shall not continue in office longer than the next meeting in October, unless elected anew.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 26, 1801.]

ADDITIONAL ACT, 1852.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year 1852, an Act concerning the Boston Dispensary.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

SECT. 1.— That the Boston Dispensary be, and hereby is, authorized and allowed to make purchases and receive grants and donations of real and personal estates, and to apply the proceeds thereof in such manner as in the judgment of the Managers of said Dispensary shall appear best calculated to promote the comfort of suffering applicants for food, fuel, clothing, medical assistance, or any other kind of relief; provided that the annual income of the said real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, in addition to income of the property which said Dispensary was authorized to hold by their Act of Incorporation.

House of Representatives, Jan. 29, 1852.

Passed to be enacted.

N. P. BANKS, *Speaker*.

In Senate, Jan, 30, 1852.

Passed to be enacted.

HENRY WILSON, *President*.

Jan. 30, 1852.

Approved.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL.

ADDITIONAL ACT, 1859. ---

An Act in addition to the Acts relating to the Boston Dispensary.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECT. 1. — In addition to the existing members of the corporation of the Boston Dispensary, the present and future Managers, Treasurers, and Secretaries shall be and become members, with all the rights of corporators.

SECT. 2. — Said corporation may take and hold real and personal estate to an amount in value not exceeding double that authorized by the Acts passed Feb. 26, in the year 1801, and Jan. 30, in the year 1852.

House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1859.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES HALE, *Speaker*.

In Senate, Feb. 12, 1859.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *President*.

Feb. 15, 1859.

Approved.

NATHL. P. BANKS.

S T A T E M E N T.

THE following is an account of the operations of the Boston Dispensary during the year ending Oct. 1, 1859: —

Whole number of patients treated	13,913
At Central Office	7,046

Of these, there were in Medical Ser-

vice,— Males	880
Females	1,993
Children under fifteen years of age	1,675
	4,548

In Surgical Service,— Males	690
Females	820
Children under fifteen years	988
	2,498

Patients returning more than once	11,618
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Average daily attendance at Central Office	60
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Patients in the Districts	6,867
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Males	1,200
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Females	2,713
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Children under fifteen years	2,954
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Results in the Districts.

Discharged, cured, or relieved	6,379
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Removed to Hospital or elsewhere	222
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Died	269
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Number of cases of midwifery	179
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Number of prescriptions at Central Office	32,507
Cost of medicines at Central Office	\$920.62
Salary of Apothecary	520.00
Average cost of each prescription	0.04
Number of prescriptions in Districts*	1,059
Average cost of each	0.16

During the year ending Oct. 1, 1858, the whole number of
patients treated was 15,191

Viz., at the Central Office 6,947
In the Districts 8,244

It will thus be seen, that, while there has been a diminution of 1,278 in the numbers treated during the present year in the two departments of the Dispensary, there has been an increase of 99 patients at the Central Office. We see no reason to apprehend a great increase of applicants during coming years, excepting from the gradual augmentation of the population, or from the prevalence of some epidemic. One of our physicians, who has served faithfully and successfully in one of the poorest and most populous districts, while in the discharge of his duties, received nearly a year since a serious injury, which has unfitted him most of the time for active service. His health still remains feeble; and his case is the more deserving of sympathy, as he has a family dependent upon his exertions. It is a gratifying fact, that the operations of the Institution have been carried on without exceeding its income, — a result hardly anticipated at the beginning of the year. This would not have been the case but for the enlargement of the subscription-list, and for the generous appropriation of \$716.75, made to our funds by the Trustees of the Lying-in Hospital. As this

* By a vote of Managers, the District Apothecaries were discontinued after July 1, 1859.

appropriation was made only for one year, we must look to other sources for the means which shall enable the Institution to maintain itself.

The amount received, which may be fairly set down as	
income, is stated by the Treasurer to be	\$5,223.18
The expenditures	4,869.92
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Showing an excess of the former of	353.26

To effect the desired diminution of expenses, it has been found necessary to discontinue the employment of apothecaries in the Districts; so that all prescriptions, excepting to a limited extent, are put up at the Central Office. This course has tended to diminish the amount expended for medicines, as many of the poor residing in distant wards can better afford to pay a few cents for a prescription than to spend the time necessary to go to the Central Office.

This inconvenience to the poor it would be desirable to remedy, whenever the means of the Institution shall warrant it. Most of our subscribers have been made familiar from former Reports with the plan upon which the Dispensary has been conducted since the year 1856. Many of them have seen the substantial double house, with its little garden, situated at the corner of Bennet and Ash Street; and, if not, they may recognize it by the sign of the Good Samaritan, which was painted for the Institution sixty-three years ago, and, after an absence of forty-four years, has, within a few weeks, been kindly restored to its original proprietors through the liberality of Messrs. S. N. and W. A. Brewer.

A portion only of this structure is used for Dispensary purposes: the remainder is leased to a private family, with the hope, that, at some future day, the means may be found to make it available for the legitimate ends of the Dispensary.

Could any subscriber seat himself, on some pleasant morning, by the side of the physician or surgeon in attendance, and carefully inspect the cases of the sixty daily applicants for medical relief, he could satisfy himself that a simple bath, in a great number of these cases, would be more appropriately prescribed than any of the potions or drugs of the apothecary.

Were the means at hand, a few bathing-tubs might be placed in the basement-story of the Dispensary, and the sick poor could at least profit by them. The subject of free baths has often been agitated in Boston ; and, at the present time, it is not necessary to discuss the benefits of personal cleanliness either in a moral or hygienic point of view. The laboring classes, with little to spare for any thing beyond the necessities of life, have never been too scrupulous on the score of cleanliness. But what can be expected, when the poor man is met by the ordinance of the city, issued during the past summer, prohibiting, under a penalty of not less than four nor more than fifty dollars, any one from swimming or bathing "in the waters surrounding the city, which are adjacent to any of the wharves, bridges, avenues, or railroads, leading into the same, so as to be exposed to the view of spectators" ?

Whoever has walked in Hyde Park, London, of late years, on a warm summer afternoon, may have seen thousands of persons bathing together in the Serpentine, under the eye of the police, and encouraged by the boats of the Humane Society, which cruise to and fro to pick up any luckless bather who may get beyond his depth. A very uninviting place it is, with its muddy waters, when compared with our pure salt water as it is rolled in from the ocean by every tide.

Without any minute investigation of the subject, we conceive that platforms and cheap enclosures might be erected

beneath or at the side of some of the bridges and wharves, where the bathing could be safely enjoyed by a class most needing it, and without offending the delicacy of the public.

The attention of our patrons is respectfully called to a very great improvement which might be made in the grounds adjoining the Central Office.

There are now between three and four thousand feet of vacant land, most valuable for the admission of light and air, which might be improved by removing the ancient and dilapidated sheds; filling up and grading the surface to a level with the street; a pleasant greensward might replace the present sorry-looking potato-patch, some appropriate ornament placed in the centre, and then thrown open to the public view by removing the present high wooden fence, and substituting a lighter and more ornamental enclosure.

A competent mechanic has made the necessary estimates, and has offered to complete the whole work, on the opening of spring, for the sum of \$400.

From an historical account of the Dispensary, printed for the information of the Managers during the past summer, we have copied several tables containing lists of past officers and statistical information.

The condition of the Institution is, on the whole, eminently favorable in point of usefulness and efficiency. Its financial condition, with an addition to its list of subscribers, might be greatly improved.

It certainly effects a great deal of good, in aiding worthy poor persons who have been disabled by wounds and sickness. It may do some harm by aiding others who are unworthy, or who are able to help themselves. But, taking the worst view of such an abuse, we cannot think that a prescription and gratuitous word of advice from the physician to the

sick man can be attended with any serious evil, however unworthy he may be.

By the munificent liberality of Benjamin Dearborn, whose name and deeds will be better known to the coming than to the present generation, the Dispensary must, in the course of time, possess the means to do its work completely and efficiently. *Until that time arrives, we solicit aid from all who, by personal investigation or otherwise, can satisfy themselves that this appeal merits their co-operation and sympathy.*

INSTITUTION
OF THE
BOSTON DISPENSARY.

It having been found by experience, both in Europe and in several of the capital towns in America, that dispensaries for the medical relief of the poor are the most useful among benevolent institutions, a number of gentlemen propose to establish a public Dispensary in the town of Boston, for the relief of the sick poor; which they presume will embrace the following advantages:—

1. The sick, without being pained by a separation from their families, may be attended and relieved in their own houses.

2. The sick can, in this way, be assisted at a less expense to the public than in a hospital.

3. Those who have seen better days may be comforted without being humiliated, and all the poor receive the benefits of a charity the more refined as it is the more secret.

For the promotion of the design, the following regulations are established:—

BY-LAWS OF THE BOSTON DISPENSARY.

CHAPTER I. — *Managers.*

ART. 1. — A Board, consisting of twelve Managers and a Treasurer, shall be annually elected, on the second Thursday of October, by a majority of the contributors present at the meeting; and votes may at all elections be given either in person or by proxy.

ART. 2. — The Board shall meet quarterly, on the second Thursday of January, April, July, and October. Special meetings may be held at any time, on the requisition of the Chairman or of any two Managers.

ART. 3. — Three Managers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in their own body during the year.

ART. 4. — Their duty shall be to provide medical attendance and medicines for the sick poor, and to manage and regulate all affairs of the Institution.

ART. 5. — At the first meeting of the Managers after the annual election, they shall elect one of their number as Chairman, and another as Secretary of the Board. They shall also appoint an Executive Committee and a Visiting Committee for the year.

ART. 6. — The Executive Committee shall consist of three Managers, who shall have the general charge of the affairs of the Institution during the interval between the regular quarterly meetings of the Board, and shall act in their behalf. They shall also nominate officers for the succeeding year, and shall fill such vacancies as may occur in the

various departments of the Dispensary, subject to the approval of the Managers at their next meeting.

ART. 7. — The Visiting Committee shall consist of two Managers, whose term of office shall be one month; and it shall be the duty of this Committee to visit the office of the Dispensary at least once a week. The Visiting Committee shall keep a minute-book, in which they shall enter the time of each visit, with such remarks as they may think proper; which book shall be produced at every quarterly meeting of the Board.

ART. 8. — It shall be the duty of the Managers, individually, to visit the office of the Dispensary at least once during each quarter; and the time of each visit, with such remarks as may be thought proper, shall be entered on the book of the Visiting Committee.

Whenever so inclined, the Managers may visit the in-door patients of the Dispensary, with or without the physician.

ART. 9. — The Managers shall annually appoint a Superintendent, and the necessary physicians, surgeons, and apothecaries, to the Dispensary; and those officers shall be removable at any time for what is deemed sufficient cause by the Managers.

ART. 10. — The Managers shall have the right to admit patients to the benefits of this Institution, to such extent as shall from time to time be determined by vote of the Board.

ART. 11. — The Chairman and Secretary shall constitute a Standing Committee, with power to publish such portions of the reports of the physicians as they may judge expedient.

CHAPTER II. — *Treasurer and Secretary.*

ART. 1. — The Treasurer shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the corporation, which he shall keep and

manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Managers, or their Committee appointed for the purpose. He shall pay no moneys but by order of the Board of Managers or of the Executive Committee, except for the regular salaries of the officers. He shall make up his accounts to the last day of September in each year, and shall exhibit the same to the corporation at their annual meeting.

ART. 2. — The Secretary shall duly notify all meetings of the corporation and of the Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of each.

ART. 3. — The Treasurer and Secretary shall have the privileges of contributors, without the payment of assessments; and shall receive such pecuniary compensation for their services as the Managers may from time to time deem expedient.

CHAPTER III. — *Districts.*

ART. 1. — The portion of the city pertaining to the Boston Dispensary shall be divided into eight districts, as follows: —

First District includes all of Ward One.

Second District includes all of East Boston.

Third District includes Wards Three and Four.

Fourth District includes Wards Five and Six.

Fifth District includes all that portion of Wards Seven and Eight lying north of Boylston Street, Essex Street, and South-street Place continued to the water.

Sixth District includes Boylston, Essex, and South-street Place, and that portion of Ward Eight lying south of said streets and place; all of Ward Nine; and that portion of Ward Ten lying north of East Orange Street continued to the water.

Seventh District includes East Orange Street continued to the water, all that portion of Ward Ten lying south of said street, and all of Ward Eleven.

Eighth District includes all of South Boston.

CHAPTER IV. — *Superintendent.*

ART. 1. — The Superintendent shall be charged with the supervision of the Dispensary, in all its departments. He shall, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, prescribe the duties of the various officers of the Dispensary, when such duties are not specifically stated in the By-laws.

ART. 2. — He shall see that the offices and rooms are kept in good order; that the books are carefully and regularly kept; and shall keep an inventory of all the surgical instruments which may be intrusted to his care, and shall be accountable for them. He shall, with the consent of the Executive Committee, incur such current expenses as the good of the Institution shall require; and shall report to the Managers, at their next stated meeting, the amount and objects of the outlay.

ART. 3. — He shall facilitate as much as possible the business of the physicians in the various departments; shall attend daily at the office; and, in the absence of any attending physician, shall prescribe for patients until a substitute be provided.

ART. 4. — He shall present to the Managers a quarterly report touching the general condition of the Dispensary; and shall prepare and present to the Board, at their meeting in October, an annual report, which shall be a summary of the quarterly reports. He shall state the number of patients treated during the year, the number affected by each disease, with any facts of general interest relating to the Dispensary.

CHAPTER V. — *Attending and District Physicians.*

ART. 1. — It shall be the duty of the attending physicians to attend daily at the office of the Dispensary, except on Sundays and legal holidays; and to prescribe for all patients during their respective hours.

ART. 2. — A general register shall be kept at the office of the Dispensary, in which it shall be the duty of the physicians to enter, in separate columns ruled for the purpose, the name, age, residence, place of birth, condition, disease, result, and attending physician, of each patient.

ART. 3. — When any important operation is to be performed upon a patient of the Dispensary, one or more of the consulting or attending surgeons shall be called in consultation; and no operation shall be performed on any such patient, unless by a physician or surgeon of the Institution.

ART. 4. — Each of the eight districts shall be placed under the charge of one of the district physicians; and patients unable to attend at the office of the Dispensary shall be regularly visited at their respective places of abode, as often as their cases shall require, by the physician in whose district they reside.

ART. 5. — A register for district patients, similar to that for out-door patients, shall be kept by the district physicians; and a monthly report thereof shall be made to the Superintendent.

ART. 6. — No physician holding office in the Dispensary shall resign the same, without giving at least one month's notice to the Managers.

ART. 7. — Each physician must reside within the district he has in charge, unless with permission from the Executive Committee to the contrary; and shall promptly notify the Superintendent in case of a change of residence.

ART. 8. — The district physicians shall have the privilege of visiting the office of the Dispensary at all times ; and (excepting the physicians of Districts Two and Eight) shall, in rotation, at the request of the Superintendent, attend and perform service, whenever such service is required by the number of patients or by the absence of an attending physician.

ART. 9. — It shall be the duty of physicians to give particularly plain directions for using such medicines as they may prescribe. As far as practicable, they are requested to use the formulæ contained in the list of prescriptions which has been prepared for the use of the Dispensary.

ART. 10. — Should indisposition or other cause prevent a physician from attending to his duties, he shall immediately report the same to the Superintendent, who shall appoint temporarily some physician to take charge of the vacant District, and report the same to the Executive Committee.

ART. 11. — In case of emergency, where the physician in whose district such case may occur cannot be found, it shall be the duty of any physician of this Institution, who may be first met with, to attend to the patient for whom succor is sought.

ART. 12. — The salaries of the Superintendent, district physicians, and apothecaries, shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Managers.

REGULATIONS OF THE DISPENSARY.

ART. 1. — The office of the Dispensary shall be kept open daily, during such hours as may from time to time be designated by the Executive Committee, except on Sundays and legal holidays.

ART. 2. — No persons but such as are necessitous shall be deemed objects of this charity. All such shall be attended to by the physicians of the Dispensary, who shall in no case receive compensation from Dispensary patients for services rendered.

ART. 3. — Medical students shall have the privilege of attending at the office of the Dispensary, after having first obtained written permission from the Executive Committee, but shall in no case be permitted to prescribe for or operate on any patient. The privilege thus granted shall be for the space of one year; and may be interdicted at any time, for sufficient cause, by the Executive Committee.

ART. 4. — No smoking of tobacco shall be allowed in any of the rooms belonging to the Dispensary.

The By-laws may be altered or amended at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, provided that, in the notices calling such meeting, it shall have been stated that an alteration or amendment is to be proposed; and not otherwise.

Dr. Boston Dispensary in Account with EDWARD BLAKE, Treasurer. Cr.

1859.		1859.	
Sept. 30.	Cash paid sundry bills for Medicines . . . \$1,607.38	Sept. 30.	By Cash on hand . . . \$710.68
"	Salaries of Physicians . . . 2,381.00	1859.	
"	Salary of Treasurer . . . 100.00	Sept. 30.	Interest on Mortgage . . . 1,623.00
"	Sundry Expenses . . . 467.64	"	Dividends on Stocks . . . 890.50
	Expended on Estate corner of Bennet and Ash Street, carried to the cost of construction . . . 863.90	"	Dearborn Fund . . . 900.00
"	Cash on hand 1,277.64	"	From Donations . . . 375.00
		"	From Contributors . . . 770.00
		"	From Trustees of Lying-in Hospital * 816.75
		"	Rent of House in South Bennet Street 247.98
		"	Paid on Mortgage 100.00
		"	Neponset-Bridge Final Dividend, Certificate surrendered 113.75
	<u>\$6,147.66</u>		<u>\$6,147.56</u>

* The original grant was \$716.75; \$400 of which had been received during the year 1858.

T A B L E,

Showing the Comparative Number of Patients, the Number of Prescriptions, the Cost of Medicine and dispensing it, the Average Cost of each Prescription, and the Average Cost of the Whole Service, for the Three Years ending Oct. 1, 1855, and the Three Years ending July, 1859.

YEAR ENDING OCT. 1.	Number of Pa- tients.	Number of Pre- scriptions.	Cost of Medi- cine and dis- pensing it.	Average Cost of each Pre- scription.	Cost of Whole Service.	Average Cost of each Patient.
1853.	3,778	12,511	\$2,555.15	\$0.20	\$5,114.07	\$1.35
1854.	3,479	14,422	2,997.73	0.21	4,523.00	1.30
1855.	4,040	12,825	3,088.87	0.24+	5,301.13	1.31
	11,297	39,758	\$8,641.75	\$0.22—	\$14,938.20	1.32+
YEAR ENDING JULY 1.				Central Office.	District Apothe- caries.	
1857.	7,372	19,274	\$1,384.74	\$0.06	\$0.09	\$3,728.74
1858.	13,857	42,626	2,906.98	0.05	0.12½	5,331.98
1859.	14,426	34,685	1,712.08	0.04½	0.15½	3,888.08
	35,655	96,585	\$6,003.80	\$0.04½	\$0.11½	\$12,948.80
						\$0.36½

LEADING STATISTICS.

	YEAR ENDING JULY 1.		
	1857.	1858.	1859.
Number of Male Patients	1,545	2,606	2,805
Number of Female Patients	3,091	5,498	5,882
Children under fifteen years of age	2,786	5,743	5,649
Total per annum	7,372	13,847	14,336
No. of Patients treated at Central Office . .	2,816	6,184	7,094
No. of Patients treated at their dwellings . .	4,556	7,663	7,332
No. of Patients discharged, cured, or relieved	4,155	7,124	6,764
No. of Patients sent to Hospital	116	185	218
No. of Patients who died	157	253	283
No. of Prescriptions dispensed	19,274	42,626	34,685
No. of Prescriptions from Central Office . .	11,442	32,290	33,203
No. of Prescriptions from Distr. Apothecaries	7,832	10,336	1,482
Cost of the whole Service	\$3,728.24	\$5,331.98	\$3,888.08
Cost of Medicine and dispensing it	1,384.74	2,906.98	1,712.08
Viz., at Central Office	690.42	1,617.22	1,482.97
„ at District Apothecaries	694.32	1,291.76	229.11
Average No. of Prescriptions to each Patient	2½	8	2½
Average Cost of whole Service to each Patient	\$0.50	\$0.38	\$0.27
Average Cost of each Prescription	0.06	0.07	0.05
Average Cost of do. at Central Office	0.06	0.05	0.04½
Average Cost of do. at District Apothecaries	0.09	0.12½	0.16½

By a vote of the Board of Trustees, passed June 21, 1858, the District Apothecaries were discontinued in the City Proper, July 1, 1858; and by a subsequent vote, passed April 8, 1859, were discontinued at East Boston and South Boston, July 1, 1859.

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